

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 22 are pending in the application. Claims 9 and 13 - 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,954,851 issued to Natu. Appreciation is expressed for the indication of allowance of Claims 1 - 8 and 18 - 22.

Natu discloses the use of the ACPI remove event with an information handling system having multiple processors so that the operating system shuts down all activity at a processor to a sleep state (3:59-4:8). Once the processor is in a sleep state, it is borrowed to perform another function, such as a flash of BIOS, and then returned to an operational state (4:8-32).

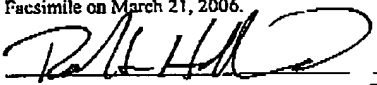
Claim 9 recites, in part, "intercepting a power down state command sent from the operating system of the information handling system to one or more components of the information handling system."

Natu cannot anticipate Claim 9 because Natu fails to teach, disclose or suggest all elements recited in Claim 9. For instance, Natu fails to teach, disclose or suggest "intercepting a power down state command sent from the operating system of the information handling system to one or more components of the information handling system." Natu completes the ACPI shutdown of a processor before borrowing the processor for other functions. In contrast, Claim 9 recites that the power down state command sent from the operating system is intercepted. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 9-17.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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